



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

FY 2022 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2021 Enacted:	\$1,483.9 million (5,285 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,647 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$47.2 million
Program Changes:	+\$23.4 million
FY 2022 Budget Request:	\$1,554.5 million (5,410 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,647 agents)
Change From FY 2021 Enacted:	+\$70.6 million (+4.8%) (+125 positions)

Mission:

The ATF protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, illegal use and trafficking of firearms, illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, and acts of terrorism. The ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research, and the application of technology.

Organization:

ATF's Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The ATF operates 25 domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence at 10 international offices in six countries.

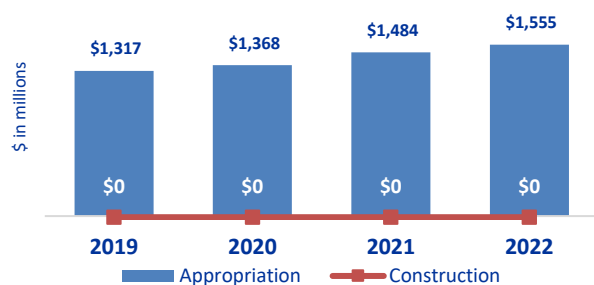
Resources:

The FY 2022 budget request for ATF totals \$1,554 million, which is a 4.8 percent increase over the FY 2021 Enacted.

Personnel:

The ATF's direct authorized positions for FY 2022 total 5,410 positions, including an increase of 125 positions over the FY 2021 Enacted of 5,285 direct authorized positions.

Funding (FY 2019 - 2022)



Personnel (FY 2019 - 2022)



FY 2022 Strategy:

In line with the Attorney General's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Initiative, the ATF Frontline business model ensures Bureau resources are directed at the most serious offenses and most dangerous criminals. The ATF's strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each ATF field division that define the significant violent crime problems within its area of responsibility and propose a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate these threats. The consolidated assessments define national priorities and guide resource decisions. The external component of Frontline is the Violent Crime Reduction Partnership, a collaboration between the ATF and its Federal, State, and local partners to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime.

The ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson, and explosives-related crime. The ATF's illegal firearms trafficking enforcement efforts focus on reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of firearms to violent criminals. The ATF identifies, investigates, and arrests individuals and organizations that illegally supply firearms to prohibited individuals. In addition, the ATF partners with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to target violent offenders and remove them from America's streets.

The illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority and the ATF operates enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every United States border. The ATF focuses on collaboration with a broad range of Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners to combat violent firearms crime and to disrupt and dismantle street gangs with ties to transnational criminal organizations.

The ATF has a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings and maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of arson and bombings. Certified Fire Investigators, accelerant detection canines, the National Response Team, forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory collaborate for a comprehensive approach to arson crime investigations. The ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center, participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces, and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center. ATF's National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidates ATF's explosives expertise at Redstone Arsenal, AL. NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, State, and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The FY 2022 request enhances public safety by focusing on crime gun intelligence capabilities such as the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN), the implementation of new forensic analysis capability, and providing additional compliance inspections and oversight of Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs).

FY 2022 Program Changes:

Salaries & Expenses

Crime Gun Intelligence: \$5.3 million and 12 positions

This request is part of the DOJ's crime gun intelligence-based strategy to reduce violent crime and protect communities. Initially, this initiative will focus on communities that have experienced persistent firearms-related violent crime to achieve prompt and sustainable reductions in violence. The request supports further improvements to the ATF's investigative capacity, including NIBIN. Current services for this initiative are \$45.7 million and 35 positions (17 agents).

Forensic Services: \$4.3 million and 29 positions

Funding will support creation of a dedicated unit to implement new technology for perform DNA analysis on fired cartridge cases (FCCs). The unit will employ a streamlined, assembly-line method of processing that incorporates robotic techniques to automate portions of the analysis. This unit would use novel methods that have shown excellent success rates to analyze this previously under-utilized crime scene evidence. There are no current services for this initiative.

FFL Theft: Outreach and Compliance: \$12.7 million and 84 positions

This initiative will provide the ATF with the necessary resources to enhance and optimize response, analysis, and outreach to FFLs, thus working to reducing violent firearms crimes in our communities. Currently, FFLs do not have any federal requirements to secure their premises or inventory to prevent the theft or loss of firearms. These resources will allow the ATF to take a more proactive approach to deterring FFL burglaries, and to prioritize the investigation of every FFL burglary and robbery. Current services for this initiative are \$3.6 million and 19 positions (17 agents).

TFO Body Worn Camera: \$1.0 million and 0 positions

Funding will support the infrastructure necessary for data capture and video storage of Body Worn Camera (BWC) video from State, local, and tribal Task Force Officers serving on a Federal task force directed by the ATF. Video storage is one of the most costly aspects of a BWC program, and Federal support for these digital storage requirements will allow the ATF to maintain and increase partner agency participation in the Department's task forces. There are no current services for this initiative.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives S&E			Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Construction			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2020 Appropriation	5,285	4,957	1,400,000	0	0	0	5,285	4,957	1,400,000
2021 Enacted	5,285	5,007	1,483,887	0	0	0	5,285	5,007	1,483,887
2022 Request	5,410	5,070	1,554,461	0	0	0	5,410	5,070	1,554,461
Change 2022 from 2021 Enacted	125	63	70,574	0	0	0	125	63	70,574
Technical Adjustments									
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Base Adjustments									
Pay & Benefits	0	0	40,441	0	0	0	0	0	40,441
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	6,646	0	0	0	0	0	6,646
Foreign Expenses	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	97
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	47,184	0	0	0	0	0	47,184
2022 Current Services	5,285	5,007	1,531,071	0	0	0	5,285	5,007	1,531,071
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Crime Gun Intelligence	12	6	5,336	0	0	0	12	6	5,336
Forensic Services	29	14	4,318	0	0	0	29	14	4,318
FFL Theft: Outreach and Compliance	84	43	12,736	0	0	0	84	43	12,736
TFO Body Worn Camera	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	125	63	23,390	0	0	0	125	63	23,390
Decreases:									
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	125	63	23,390	0	0	0	125	63	23,390
2022 Request	5,410	5,070	1,554,461	0	0	0	5,410	5,070	1,554,461

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives S&E

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Enacted			2022 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,091	3,828	1,134,580	4,091	3,828	1,170,657
Investigative Support Services	1,194	1,179	349,307	1,194	1,179	360,414
Total	5,285	5,007	1,483,887	5,285	5,007	1,531,071
Reimbursable FTE		3			3	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	5,285	5,010	1,483,887	5,285	5,010	1,531,071
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		55			55	
FTE Grand Total		5,065			5,065	

Comparison by activity and program	2022 Total Program Changes			2022 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	96	49	19,072	4,187	3,877	1,189,729
Investigative Support Services	29	14	4,318	1,223	1,193	364,732
Total	125	63	23,390	5,410	5,070	1,554,461
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	3	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	125	63	23,390	5,410	5,073	1,554,461
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		-1			54	
FTE Grand Total		62			5,127	

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives - Construction

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Enacted			2022 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount

Comparison by activity and program	2022 Total Program Changes			2022 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
ATF Construction				0	0	0
Total				0	0	0